

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes
City of Mount Vernon
September 17, 2019 - City Hall

The Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation Board met on September 17, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present: Roman Meyers, Sandra Fleckenstein and Catherine Poduska. Absent: Rory Wiebel and Loren Hoffman. Also in attendance: Parks and Recreation Director, Matt Siders, Recreation Coordinator, Sarah Boots and Tom Wilkinson.

1. Approval of the Agenda. Motion made by Meyers, seconded by Fleckenstein to approve agenda. Carried all. Wiebel and Hoffman absent.
2. Approval of the Minutes from August 28, 2019. Motion made by Meyers, seconded by Fleckenstein to approve minutes. Carried all. Wiebel and Hoffman absent.
3. Open Forum: Each citizen is limited to 5 minutes.
4. Directors Report - August 15, 2019 to September 15, 2019. Siders presented his report to Council last night. The wellness center has received its first award through PRSA (Public Relations Strategic America) for a fundraising campaign that was submitted by Lezli Broomhall Lunekcas. She was deeply involved in the fundraising campaign in the social network and will receive the award in October on the City's behalf. The annual dog swim had 81 dogs this year with \$523 raised towards the dog park. There were 12 Cornell students that helped clean up Sauter Trail on August 24th.
5. Discussion regarding Archery Park in Mount Vernon. Tom Wilkinson addressed board members about an archery park in Mount Vernon. He started the archery program at the school around 10 years ago. Areas of discussion were placement and safety. Siders feels the best location would be near the ambulance building. This would appeal to both hunters and target shooters. The posts for the targets would be put into foundation and the ground cover would be either short grass or gravel. Because it would be lightly used there would be plenty of room for off street parking in that area. There would be guidelines and rules set for use of the area. This would be maintained by the City similar to the dog park. The issue now is that the land is used by the City for dumping mulch but this will be moved eventually to the new public works building. Discussion will continue with the City Administrator and Public Works Director and Siders will bring back to the next meeting for further discussion.

6. Discussion regarding updating Master Parks and Recreation Plan. Poduska said one item that may need to be addressed in the future is the structure of the Wellness Center in the document once it is complete. She said she will also need to be add information into the document on trails and update CIP projects. The definition of the trail at Memorial Park will be updated.
7. Discussion regarding Ballfield Usage and Rental of Fields. There was discussion on updating the policy on ballfield usage and field rental to help offset the cost of maintenance. Siders provided a ball field rental application with updated rules and regualtions. Discussion will continue at a future meeting.
8. Discussion regarding Wellness Center Rental Procedure, Rental Packages, and Rental Guidelines. Siders and Boots have been working on the rental procedures and packages and provided a rough draft document spelling out the policies and guidelines, that he went over with board members.
9. Subcommittee reports (Parks, Capital, Pool, Programming, and Volunteer). Poduska will be on the newly formed pool committee created by Council.
10. Old Business. Siders reported the skate park was vandalized again.
11. New Business.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m., September 17, 2019

Respectfully submitted
Marsha Dewell, Deputy Clerk